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MANAGING ATTORNEY HOUSING UNIT

Greater Boston Legal Services (GBLS) is an Affirmative Action / Equal Opportunity / Accessible Employer and strives to ensure that our staff members reflect the diversity of the communities we serve.

Greater Boston Legal Services seeks a Managing Attorney to oversee the work of the Housing Unit. The goal of the Housing Unit is to preserve tenancies and to increase affordable housing for low-income people. The Unit represents individuals who face involuntary displacement from their homes and those who seek access to affordable housing and shelter. The unit prioritizes working with community groups that promote the expansion of resources for affordable housing and to try to minimize the loss of units.

The Manager will be responsible for coordinating and supervising staff; have the capacity to lead a team effort to address housing challenges and conflicts with litigation, negotiation and political action, as well as the ability to build consensus and recognize areas of mutual benefit to landlords, owners, real estate developers and residents. The Shelter system run by the State is in dire need of reform, and the Housing unit needs to respond with creative casework, litigation and policy work in order to address the needs of our homeless clients. The Manager must also provide and encourage leadership in the substantive legal work, legislative and administrative advocacy, and community education activities; and participate in the GBLS leadership team and the management group on program wide policy issues.

Qualifications should include: over 10 years of legal services or similar advocacy experience; strong and demonstrated commitment to poverty issues, community lawyering, capacity building of diverse client groups, experience in systemic cases or projects including legislative or administrative projects; the ability to mentor, supervise and co-counsel effectively and in a collaborative manner that provides opportunities for growth and professional development. Prior management or administrative experience is required.

Interested candidates should submit a resume with a cover letter describing your qualifications for the job including legal work and/or experience working on housing issues to the Human Resources Department via email at jobs@gbls.org. Please refer to Job Code: HU-MANAGER when applying for this position. Deadline for application is January 15, 2024 or until position is filled.

GBLS values diversity and encourages applicants from a broad range of backgrounds and experiences.

